

# MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

## *A Look at Media Bias*

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## Networks Continue to Ignore IRS Scandal

From *NewsBusters*...

“ABC, CBS and NBC have so far refused to report the latest bombshell in the IRS scandal - a newly released list from the agency that showed it flagged political groups for ‘anti-Obama rhetoric.’ On September 18th, the *USA Today*, in a front page story, reported the following: ‘**Newly uncovered IRS documents show the agency flagged political groups based on the content of their literature, raising concerns specifically about ‘anti-Obama rhetoric,’ inflammatory language and ‘emotional’ statements made by non-profits seeking tax-exempt status.**’

**Not only have ABC, CBS and NBC not reported this story, they’ve flat out stopped covering the IRS scandal on their evening and morning shows...ABC last touched the story on June 26th, NBC’s [last report was on June 27th] and CBS last mentioned the IRS scandal on July 24th.”**

## Former Secs. of Defense Criticize Administration

From *Investors Business Daily*...

“**Have you heard that two of President Obama’s former defense secretaries [Robert Gates and Leon Panetta] last week slammed his Syria policy as ‘not a strategy’ and projecting ‘weakness?’ Likely not, given how the media shield this incumbent...**

[If a Republican were in office], all three networks, CNN and the front pages of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* would be blaring that a high-ranking figure who knows the president well has lost confidence in him...

If you made it to Page 12 of [the *New York Times*], you’d have found that two former President Obama defense secretaries ‘publicly questioned the administration’s handling of the Syrian crisis...’”

## Media Ignores Obamacare Bills

From *Investors Business Daily*...

“Heard the one about how House Republicans have passed 40-plus bills to repeal or defund ObamaCare, all of which went nowhere? It’s not true. Yet the mainstream press continues to peddle this blatant falsehood. **In the run-up to [last week’s] House vote to defund Obamacare, the media tried to portray it as part of some deranged anti-Obamacare syndrome...**

**Just one problem: Twenty percent of those bills made it to Obama’s desk and secured his signature.** [For example], President Obama signed House bills to kill a costly Obamacare reporting rule, terminate its long-term care insurance program and repeal the ‘free choice voucher’ program. He also signed bills cutting funds for the so-called CO-OP program, a public health slush fund and other Obamacare programs....**Yet the media pretend these things never happened.”**

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